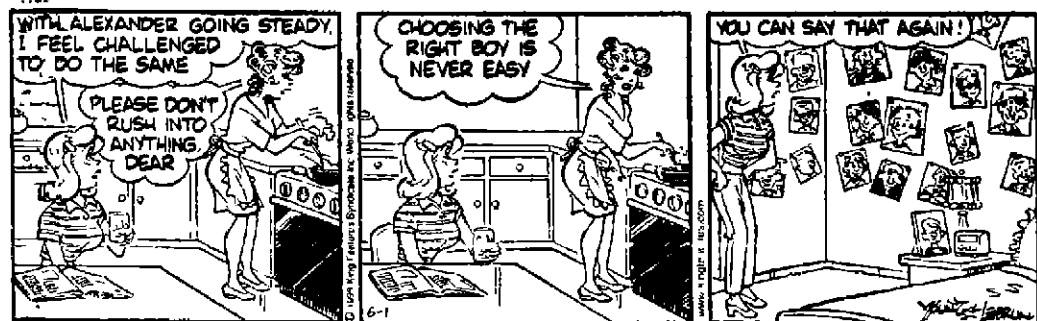


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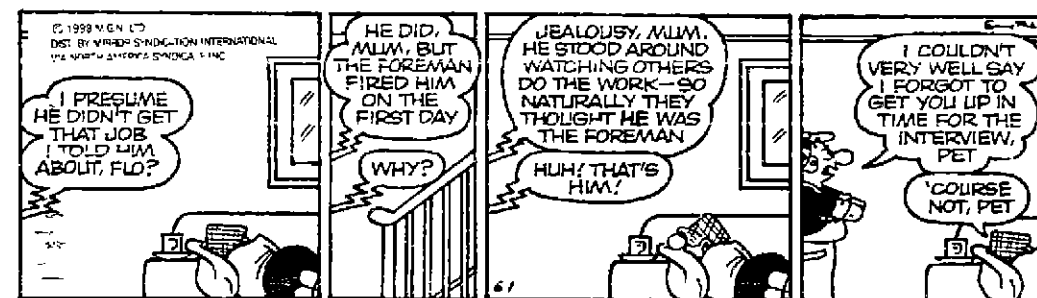
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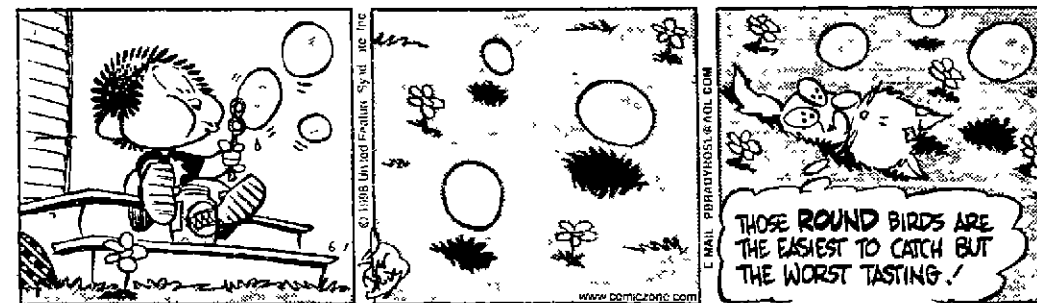
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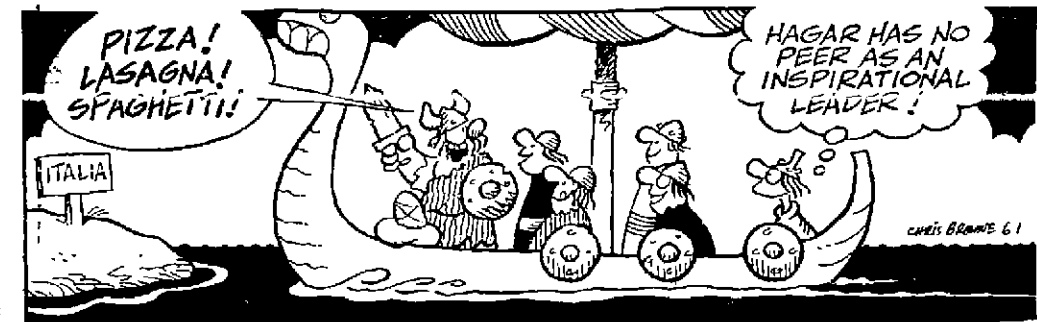
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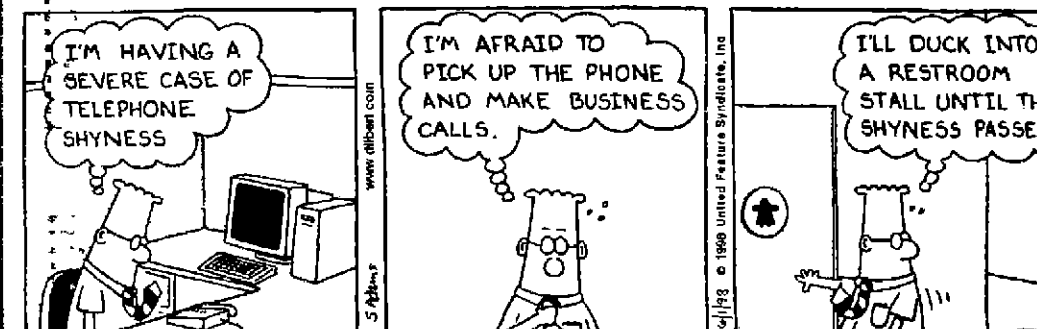
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

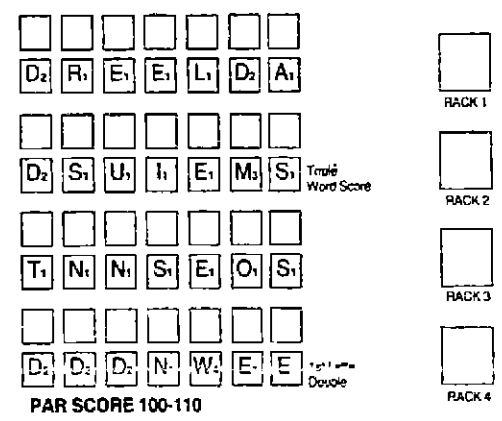
Actor **Andy Griffith** is 72. Singer **Pat Boone** is 64. Actor **Morgan Freeman** is 61. Actor **Robin Auerjonois** is 58. Opera singer **Fredrica von Stade** is 53. Actor **Brian Cox** ("Braveheart") is 52. Rock musician **Ron Wood** is 51. Actor **Jonathan Pryce** is 51. Actor **Powers Boothe** is 49. Singer **Graham Russell** (Air Supply) is 48. Country singer **Ronnie Dunn** (Brooks and Dunn) is 45. Actress **Lisa Hartman Black** is 42. Singer **Alanis Morissette** is 24.

I NEED HELP



Michael Jackson, the later years.

SCRABBLE



DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

Yellow

A Z R W T O N K H I F C Z W U
R P M I T J H P E A C Z X U S
Q N L D B E J G A E I C Z X V
T R P N A B K L D G J R D H E
C A Y W V O O C T R E V E F R
P N L J O U R N A L I S T D K
I G D E C E S K B J B B A Z A
W U S O M P E R C H R P O O M
L J I M O G A E D I B A R Y X
W U A T S W Q P O N R L H K J
H H G F D D E I L L E B T C B

Saturday's unlisted clue. **COOKBOOK**

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue **HUNTIE A YELLOW**—

Bellied Haird Journalist Throated
Bird Hammer Pages Warbler
Brick road Jack Perch Wood
Fever Jacket Sea

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, June 2, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're still somewhat in damage-control mode. However, this is cleared up relatively early.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is generally the day of the week when you're most productive. Take advantage of this to get rid of an unpleasant project.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A conversation with a family member is enlightening. As a result, the two of you become closer than ever before.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You leave no stone unturned to accomplish what you set out to do. However, be sure you don't trample on others' feelings.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Before you tackle that work project, you need some further education. Enroll in a course or seminar that can help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You're in no mood to mince words, but hurt feelings are the ultimate result. Try to watch what you say.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A kind word is just what you need. However, you're surprised at the source of this.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your intuition is giving you the signal that something's not quite right with a co-worker. Use your powers of observation to find out what's really going on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You feel betrayed by a friend who contradicts you. However, you're being overly sensitive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) The news that breaks isn't going to thrill you. However, you're not directly in the thick of this.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You're ready for some heavy socializing. Put it off until later in the day.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You and a work partner are totally in sync. Later, feel free to relax with your mate in a romantic setting.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

Suffering from an extended bad run of cards, today's South exclaimed, "What a pleasant surprise! I never expected to make a game with this collection." And then he rushed the play to bring his nonexpectations to reality. South took dummy's diamond ace and cunningly led the trump jack from dummy.

This play could fool nobody and didn't. East won his trump ace and confidently shifted to the spade king. He continued with another spade to West's ace, and East's third-round ruff beat the game one trick. Many authorities believe a player submerged in a run of bad luck, contributes to his problems by exercising bad judgment. Today's South adds validity to this view. The primary threat against South's game was an enemy spade ruff. Because West had bid one spade but had not led the suit, he was the favorite to hold five spades headed by only one honor. To protect himself against this probability, South should not lead any trump at trick two. Instead, he should cash three high clubs and discard a spade. After that, it's safe to lead trumps, and the spade ruff by East is eliminated.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 7
♥ K J 10 6
♦ A K 4
♣ A Q 9

EAST
♠ A 10 9 4 3
♥ 2
♦ J 5
♣ J 5 4 2 2

SOUTH
♠ J 6 2
♥ Q 9 8 7 6
♦ 7 3
♣ K 8

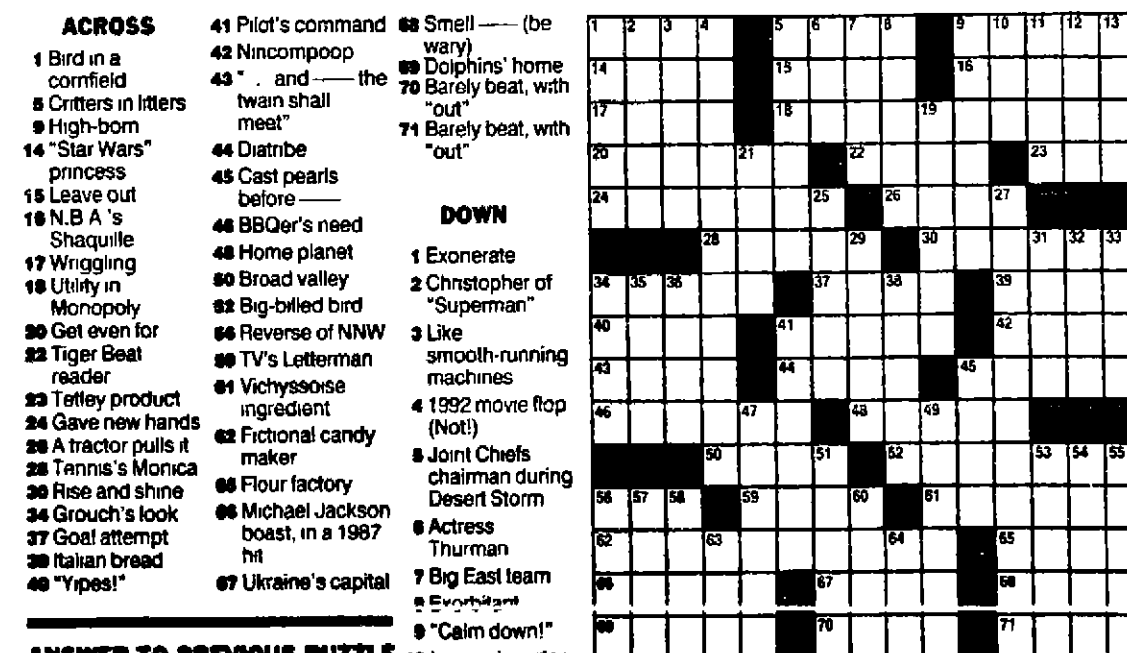
Vulnerable North South
Dealer North

The bidding
North East South West
1♣ 1♦ 1♥ 1♠
4♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead Diamond jack

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SHEILA MAH BMW
PENNER CRABTREE
RASCAL MANLIEST
ARIANE DONES
NELSON IPSWICH
GREENEGGS AND DAN
LOEWI ELO
ERA OCT URM BLO
FATHER KNOWS BEST
CRAWFORD REAMER
MARPO ARRIVE
VECTONIC SINGED
OROSTEIA BEGAIN
ESS DIP ESTERS

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